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US Representative Doug LaMalfa
408 Cannon House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Subject: Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety

Dear Representative LaMalfa,

On behalf of the North State Planning and Development Collective, California State University, Chico, we are happy to provide this general letter of support related to forest protection and wildland firefighter safety issues.

Northern California has been ravaged by wildfire over the last several years, and our fire-prone communities remain at risk year-after-year. It is critical for the survival of our communities, forests, and safety of fire crew members to have the tools they need to slow the spread of fire as they protect homes, infrastructure, and communities. Tools such as retardant are critical to the firefighting effort as they help ensure residents' safety, help protect our workforce and infrastructure and ultimately preserve the economic vitality of our communities.

We appreciate your ongoing efforts to support the needs of our firefighters as they protect our residents and communities. For any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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